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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE (RELEASED BY
EXTAFF ON FEBRUARY 10) ISSUED ON OCCASION OF CANADA/USSR
DISCUSSIONS ON FISHERIES IN OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 5,6 AND 9:
BEGIN QUOTE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNION
OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA MET
AT OTTAWA ON FEBRUARY 5, 6 AND 9, 1976, TO DISCUSS FISHERIES
MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THE SOVIET SIDE WAS LED BY THE FIRST
VICE MINISTER OF FISHERIES FOR THE SOVIET UNION, MR. V.M.
KAMENTSEZ. MR. L.H.J. LEGAULT, DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL
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ENVIRONMENT, LED THE CANADIAN SIDE.

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON COOPERATION ON FISHERIES IN THE NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF CANADA WAS EXTENDED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19, 1976. IN ADDITION THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE USSR ON PROVISIONAL RULES OF NAVIGATION AND FISHERIES SAFETY OFF THE WEST COAST OF CANADA WAS EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 15, 1976.

PURSUANT TO THE AGREED RECORD OF UNDERSTANDING OF AUGUST 17, 1975, THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELABORATION OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES COOPERATION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING CONTINUED FISHING BY THE SOVIET FLEET IN WATERS OFF CANADA'S COASTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANTICIPATED LEGAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CHANGES IN THE REGIME OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN SUCH WATERS AND TRADITIONAL SOVIET FISHING.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS AND AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING THE NEGOTIATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WITH REGARD TO THE CANADA/USSR FISHERIES AGREEMENT CONCLUDED ON DECEMBER 22, 1975 (REFTEL), EXTAFF SECRETARY MACEACHEN INFORMED HOUSE OF COMMONS ON FEBRUARY 17 THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE COMMISSIONERS (TWO ON EACH SIDE) TO BE APPOINTED TO THE JOINT FISHERIES CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. SIMILARLY, THE APPOINTMENT OF A SOVIET FISHERIES OFFICIAL IN HALIFAX, AS AGREED TO UNDER THE SAME AGREEMENT, HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET BEEN MADE BY THE USSR.
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